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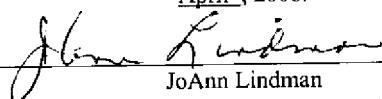
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**REQUEST FOR A THREE -MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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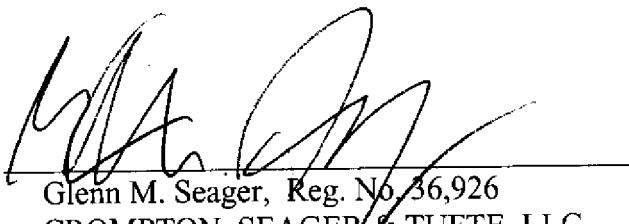


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,



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